GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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EXCAVATION AT SALIMGARH FORT DELHI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) has been asked to re-excavate a site at the Salimgarh Fort in Delhi where pottery of the Pandava period had been found in the mid 1990;

(b) if so, whether any excavation has been carried at the above site; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A small-scale excavation, conducted in 1995 at Salimgarh Fort, Delhi has yielded pottery of the Painted Grey Ware, Black-slipped, black-and-red and other associated wares datable to circa. 900 B.C. in addition to the rammed floors and copper coins of the Sultanate period, glazed, china and other wares, glass bangles, stone beads, terracotta figurines of the Mughal period and some items like tobacco pipes of the British period.